



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/706,130	11/12/2003	Bradley W. Smith	AA1-14260	6218

45483 7590 08/01/2005

AUTOLIV ASP, INC
Attn: Sally J. Brown ESQ
3350 Airport Rd
OGDEN, UT 84405

EXAMINER

SPISICH, GEORGE D

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

3616

DATE MAILED: 08/01/2005

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/706,130

Applicant(s)

SMITH, BRADLEY W.

Examiner

George D. Spisich

Art Unit

3616

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) George D. Spisich.

(3) _____.

(2) Eric T. Krischke (Reg. No. 42,769).

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 15 July 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Prior Art relied upon in the First Action was discussed.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Informal faxed proposed amendment (attached hereto) to claim 1 was discussed with respect to the patents relied upon in the First Action. Attorney for Applicant argued that the Prior Art does not show the "throttling effect" and the use of a material that has a burn rate that is pressure dependent.

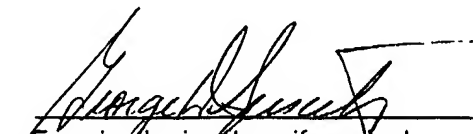
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

 7/20/05

PAUL N. DICKSON
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of Interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (If Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

LAW OFFICES

PAULEY PETERSEN & ERICKSON

SUITE 365

2800 WEST HIGGINS ROAD
HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS 60195

DOUGLAS H. PAULEY
MAXWELL J. PETERSEN
KEVIN D. ERICKSON
NICK C. KOTTIS
ROLAND W. NORRIS
ERIC T. KRISCHKE
MELANIE I. RAUCH
MARGARET M. CROSBY
MARK D. SWANSON
JANINE A. MODERSON

TELEPHONE (847) 490-1400

FACSIMILE (847) 490-1403

PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT
AND RELATED MATTERS

OF COUNSEL

THOMAS W. SPECKMAN

FACSIMILE

To: Mr. George D. Spisich

Fax No.: 571.273.6676

Company: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

From: Eric T. Krischke

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/706,130

Date: 11 July 2005

Number of pages being transmitted, including cover sheet: 3

**INFORMAL COMMUNICATION
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER**

Proposed amendment to Claim 1.

If you experience any difficulties receiving this transmission,
please call our office at (847) 490-1400. Thank you.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

The information contained in this facsimile message is legally privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copy of this facsimile is strictly prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original message to us at the address above via the United States Postal Service. Thank you.

Serial No.: 10/706,130

Attorney Docket No.: AAI-14260

**INFORMAL COMMUNICATION
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER**

1. (proposed) An inflator device comprising:

a diffuser chamber;

a first combustion chamber connected to said diffuser chamber;

a supply of a first gas-generating pyrotechnic material having a burn rate that is pressure dependent contained within said first combustion chamber and wherein at least a portion of said supply of the first gas-generating pyrotechnic material is reactable, the first gas-generating pyrotechnic material having a burn rate pressure dependency of at least about 0.55, where the burn rate pressure dependency is represented by n in a burn rate expression:

$$r_b = k(P)^n$$

where r_b is the burn rate of the first gas-generating pyrotechnic material, k is a constant, P is a combustion pressure, and n is a slope of a linear regression line drawn through a log-log plot of burn rate versus pressure;

a controlling orifice formed by said first combustion chamber and providing independent fluidic communication between said first combustion chamber and said diffuser chamber, said controlling orifice throttling a single stage combustion wherein said supply of the first gas-generating pyrotechnic material is selectively reactable to produce a first combustion chamber single stage combustion product gas;

Serial No.: 10/706,130

Attorney Docket No.: AAI-14260

**INFORMAL COMMUNICATION
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER**

a second combustion chamber connected to said diffuser chamber;

a supply of a second gas-generating pyrotechnic material contained within said second combustion chamber and wherein at least a portion of said supply of the second gas-generating pyrotechnic material is reactable;

a controlling orifice formed by said second combustion chamber and providing independent fluidic communication between said second combustion chamber and said diffuser chamber, said controlling orifice throttling a single stage combustion wherein said supply of the second gas-generating pyrotechnic material is selectively reactable to produce a second combustion chamber single stage combustion product gas; and

a plurality of diffuser orifices formed in said diffuser chamber, said diffuser orifices throttling a dual stage combustion wherein said supply of the first gas-generating pyrotechnic material is reactable to produce a first combustion chamber dual stage combustion product gas and said supply of the second gas-generating pyrotechnic material is reactable to produce a second combustion chamber dual stage combustion product gas, said supply of the first gas-generating pyrotechnic material having a burn duration during the dual stage combustion different than a burn duration of said supply of the first gas-generating pyrotechnic material during the single stage combustion.